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Election/Restrictions

1. It is noted that in response to a species election requirement mailed 12/5/05 applicant elected Species III, figures 12-19. Since applicant has now canceled all of the prior pending claims and filed new claims and has not given any identification of which claims are encompassed by the elected invention, the response filed 4/13/06 is deemed as nonresponsive and applicant is given a one-month time limit to comply with the original species election requirement of:

"Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention."

2. The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on 4/13/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because it failed to identify which claims are encompassed by the elected invention. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.

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Any inquiry concerning the MERITS of this examination from the examiner should be directed to Marie Patterson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4559. The examiner can normally be reached from 6AM - 4PM Mon-Wed.



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